



Sixth Form Message

It's been a real pleasure welcoming our Year 12 students back after their Work Experience week. They've returned with a renewed sense of confidence and maturity, having developed a wide range of transferable skills that will support them in both their academic and future professional journeys. There are so many inspiring stories to share - here's just one example: Charley-Anne took part in a Law programme with UCL and had the opportunity to visit the Royal Courts of Justice. As part of a mock trial based on a real case involving the principle of joint enterprise, Charley-Anne took on the role of prosecution barrister- and successfully argued and won the case, single-handedly. We're incredibly proud of how all our students embraced the opportunities offered to them.

To help ease the transition into the new academic year, we will be having a phased return for our Sixth Form students.

First day of new term - year 12: Wednesday 3rd September

First day of new term - year 13: Monday 8th September

Mock exam resits - year 13: Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th September

As our EPQ students complete their projects and present their work, we invited two of them to reflect on the process and share their journey. Their insights offer valuable perspective for future Sixth Form students considering the EPQ. Here are their reflections: [Student voice](#)

A big well done to all our year 12 science students who took part in the UK Intermediate Biology Olympiad and Cambridge Chemistry Challenge in June. A special mention to Chloe and Henry for their fantastic achievements. Henry took part in both competitions and receiving silver and gold awards respectively - in both cases this puts him in the top 10% of the thousands of students who entered across the country!

Year 12 parents please put a note in your diary that the year 13 parents evening will be on **Thursday 11th September**. This will be face to face in the Sixth Form centre and teachers are looking forward to discussing the students' mock results and progress with you. Booking details will go out to you in September.

With just one week to go until the summer holidays, we ask the students to remain focussed, especially as they receive feedback from their mock exams, and to please adhere to the dress code.

Chloe Dowden

KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26](#)
- [UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)
- [Explore Forage](#)
- [This is what makes us special ...](#)
- [Student finance](#)
- [Preparing for Your Future: UCAS, CVs, and Degree Apprenticeships.](#)

KEY DATES

Whole school Sports Day: Tuesday 15th July
Last day of term: Friday 18th July
First day of new term - year 12: Wednesday 3rd September
First day of new term - year 13: Monday 8th September
Yr12 Mock exam resits: Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th September
Yr13 Parents' Evening- Thursday 11th September

SUPPORT

Emotional and Physical Support:

Bedfordshire Counselling Service: [Open Door](#)
Hitchin Counselling Service: [HCS](#)
Mental Health Charity: [Young Minds](#)
Mental Health Support: [Kooth](#)
HelpLines: [Samaritans](#)
Sexual Health: [iCaSH](#)
Vaping: [Childline](#)
Delete social media: [BBC](#)
Remove nude images: [NSPCC](#)
ETA Safeguarding: [Etonbury Safeguarding](#)
NHS Mental Health Crisis Line: i111 and selects option 2

Academic Support:

Funding: [Harper Trust](#)
Funding: [Sutton Trust](#)
Funding: [Connolly Foundation](#)
Bursary: [16 - 19 Bursary](#)

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Driving Lesson / Test - Permission Form: [Driving Permission Form](#)
Gym Permission Form: [Gym Permission Form](#)

STUDENT NOTICES

[Free Summer Workshops – Norwich University](#)
Norwich University of the Arts is offering free summer workshops run by industry professionals – a great opportunity for Sixth Form students interested in creative fields.
Art & Photography students have been informed, but all are welcome to sign up!
This is just one example of many workshops taking place over the summer so do look out for other opportunities like this.

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

- [Degree Apprenticeships Presentation 2024/25](#)
- [Occupation Maps](#)
- [STAR](#)
- [Unifrog](#)
- [Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations - LinkedIn](#)

REGISTRATION REMINDER

Students leaving site during the day, including for food, is not allowed. If this continues, the exit code will be changed daily and only shared after 1:30 p.m., with gym access removed for the term. All students must stay on site.
Unauthorised absences will impact attendance.

EXAM INFORMATION

[Please use this link to find information on when your exams are taking place](#)

[YEAR 12 & 13 BTEC EXAM DATES 2026](#)

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This bulletin was designed by our Sixth Form students, we hope you find it informative and fun!